M/s. Hetero Drugs have confirmed of their capability to manufature. Product would be made available in January, 2006.

**Procedure for taking a Government Doctor outside the hospital for treatment of patient**

1901. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure for taking a Government doctor outside the hospital within the same city and State; and

(b) what is the procedure to take a Government doctor outside the State to consult him for his own old patient not able to visit him otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No procedure for taking a doctor belonging to Central Health Service outside the hospital for treatment has been prescribed in the Central Health Service Rules 1996.

**Outbreak of plague in Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal**

1902. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some doubts have recently been raised about the likelihood of the outbreak of plague in the hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh and the adjoining areas of Uttaranchal due to the presence of big sized rodents in those areas;

(b) if so, the exact chances of outbreak of plague there, according to Government information; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Plague is an acute communicable disease caused by Yersinia pestis and transmitted to man by the biet of an infected rat flea. It is primarily a Zoonosis being a disease of rodents and man is affected incidentally.